

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 29, 2002 (BOS Mtg. 5/7/02)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Wireless E-911 Fund Appropriation

For a number of years, County staff has been working on the implementation of the Wireless 9-1-1 initiative. In early 2000, our Emergency Communications (9-1-1) Center began accepting "Phase I" wireless E9-1-1 calls from cellular callers. Phase I allowed our 9-1-1 Center to obtain the cellular caller's telephone number when they made 9-1-1 calls to our center. Prior to that time, all cellular 9-1-1 calls originating in York County were routed to the Virginia State Police Dispatch Center in Chesapeake.

Since March of 2001, staff of the Department of Fire and Life Safety has been working with other communication center (9-1-1) managers across Hampton Roads and across the Commonwealth to implement the next phase of the project, which is known as Phase II. This second phase continues to provide the caller's phone number, but also provides the location of the cellular caller to within a small geographic area. Through this coordination and sharing of resources among localities, wireless providers and equipment manufacturers, York County began piloting Phase II of this process in late 2001 and subsequently began officially receiving wireless Enhanced 9-1-1 calls (to include the general location of the calling party) from one vendor. This capability (the first of its kind in Virginia and the first to use this type of location technology in the United States) was announced on April 16, 2002.

Staff of the Department of Fire and Life Safety applied for funding support for Phase II wireless E911 services from the Commonwealth of Virginia Wireless E911 Service Board (of which Communications Manager D. Terry Hall is a member) in the amount of \$245,965 for the current fiscal year. I am pleased to report that approval was granted for full funding of this request.

If approved, proposed Resolution R02-91 will authorize acceptance and appropriation of funds provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia Wireless E-911 Service Board for the provision of Phase II wireless E-911 services. Further, it will authorize the County Administrator to proceed with the necessary contract(s) with the selected vendor, Verizon, for the necessary hardware and software in the amount of \$224,965. The remainder of the grant funds will be used for the required computer aided dispatch and processing equipment upgrades and modifications.

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